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Blood Drive December 29

Blood Sisters Seek Participation To Support People With AIDS

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

The Blood Sisters, a coalition of local lesbian and other women's organizations, are sponsoring a blood drive Thursday, Dec. 29, from 2 till 8 p.m. at the YWCA, 17th and L Streets.

This blood drive is a way of showing support for community blood needs and also shows solidarity with those individuals, especially gay men, who have deferred themselves from giving blood as a result of the screening process for AIDS.

Women who are eligible to give blood are asked to call the Sacramento Blood Center at 444-6516 to make an appointment to donate blood during the Blood Sisters drive.

Elizabeth Harrison, M.D., chairperson of the blood drive and a coordinator of the Hand-to-Hand Project of the AIDS Foundation, stated, "This blood drive represents an excellent opportunity for healthy women in the community to donate blood in support of the individuals nationwide suffering from AIDS."

Treatment of people with AIDS can require a tremendous amount of blood and blood products, and each donation at the Blood Sisters drive will provide a financial credit toward the cost of blood for local AIDS patients. These donations also come at a critical time of the year when blood usage is up but donations are down as a result of the holidays.

Representatives from many groups and agencies are encouraging others to support this drive with their donations.

"Donating blood represents a sharing with those who are in need, especially at this time of year," said Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin. "I encourage women to share in this special way."

State Senator David Roberti, an active supporter of the Blood Sisters, added, "I am impressed with the organizations and individuals that are involved with the blood drive. Sacramento women participating in this drive should be very proud of themselves. Giving blood is truly a gift of life."

Stan Hadden, a member of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation, sparked the organization of the Blood Sisters after visiting other organizations battling AIDS in California.

Star Photo by Katie Tavares

Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin encourages other women to join her as Blood Sisters and to give the gift of life on Thursday, Dec. 29, at the YWCA, 17th and L Streets, from 2 till 8 p.m. The purpose of the blood drive is to support people in the community who need blood and blood products, and to show solidarity with those, especially gay men, who have deferred themselves from donating blood as a result of the screening process for AIDS. Call 444-6516 to make an appointment to donate blood.

"Women in several different cities have recently staged blood drives," he said, "to compensate for the shortage of blood at local blood banks.

"The gift of a single pint," he continued, "can simultaneously battle homophobia, advertise the unity of the fight against AIDS, and provide blood for any among us who may need it."

Sacramento Blood Center representative Rose Lester recommended that anyone who will be unable to donate blood at the YWCA on Dec. 29 call the Blood Center to schedule an appointment for another date. Donations can be credited to the Blood Sisters at any time, not just at the blood drive.

Citing the overwhelming interest and support in the community, Lester said she expects more than 100 donations the day of the drive.

"Not only are these women showing their support for the individuals affected by AIDS," she said, "but they are also helping to meet the daily blood needs that affect everyone."

More than 50 individuals and organizations have endorsed the Blood Sisters effort.

Legislators such as Assemblywoman Jean Moorhead, Assemblymen Lloyd Connelly and Phil Isenberg, and Senator Leroy Green have joined such diverse groups as Advocates for Gay and Lesbian State Employees, the Sacramento County Health Department, Womankind Health Clinic, the Sacramento Peace Center, and the Sacramento Women's Center in supporting the blood drive.

Many women active in the lesbian/gay community, including Theresa Corrigan, Anna Harrison, and Jill Kelly, as well as such lesbian/gay organizations and businesses as Lioness Books, MGW newspaper, La Raza del Ambiente, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Sacramento Lesbian/Gay Mental Health Professionals, the River City Democratic Club, Dignity, and many others, have come together to urge their friends and members to donate blood for this critically important cause.

The Sacramento Star is proud to add its voice to those endorsing the Blood Sisters. We encourage our readers, in the spirit of community and helping those in need, to join in the blood drive on Dec. 29.★

New Wimmin's Arts & Crafts Gallery Sets Grand Opening, Raffle Dec. 18

Image Makers' Studio, "a wimmin's studio and gallery space," will celebrate its Grand Opening on Sunday, Dec. 18, with an open house and holiday sale of members' artwork from noon to 6 p.m. Image Makers' Studio is at 2405 Capitol Avenue.

Each of the founding members of the Studio Group—photographer Pat Gargaetas, painter and printmaker Cynthia Seawomyn, and photographer Remy Ceci—has donated a piece of original artwork to be given away in a raffle. The raffle is scheduled for 4 p.m. during the open house. Raffle tickets, at $1 each, are available at Lioness Books, 2224 J Street, or from members of the Studio Group.

The Image Makers' Studio Group is presently considering taking in new two- and three-dimensional artist/ craftswomen members. The Studio Group defines as its intent "to focus on wimmin-made, wimmin-identified imagery."

For more information about the open house, studio membership, or purchase of raffle tickets, call the Image Makers' Studio Group at 441-1957 and leave a message.★

Candlelight Vigil Will Show Hope For Peace On Earth, Nuke Disarmament

A candlelight vigil around the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21 has been announced by the Sacramento Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament, representing 17 peace organizations in the area.

Organizers of the vigil invite the entire community to participate in this demonstration of hope for peace on earth.

"The vigil is intended to highlight the mounting concern for peace, from a vantage point in the heart of Sacramento," said spokesperson Helen Feeley.

"We are coming together for a positive response to the crisis in which we find ourselves," she added.

Banners displayed at the vigil will carry the theme: "Hope for peace on earth, justice for all, and an end to the arms race."

Recent community forums such as the Symposium on Faith, War, and Peace in the Nuclear Age, attended by more than 1300 people, and the neighborhood discussions of the television program "The Day After," attended by more than 1000 people, indicate how seriously Sacramentans regard the issue of nuclear confrontation.

The Sacramento Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament hopes that this display of unified concern will continue in a meaningful way through the vigil. Participants are asked to bring candles or flashlights, and raingear if necessary. Children are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the vigil.

"The candlelight vigil symbolizes the vision that by working together we can make a difference, and we can extend the light of hope in these times," Feeley emphasized.

For more information, call the Coalition at 456-2616.★

OPINION

Women's Involvement In The AIDS Battle

By TERESA SCANNELL

I sat recently in a meeting with a group of Lesbians who are active in the women's community. We were discussing AIDS and what stand, if any, the Lesbian community should take on it.

One woman, whose opinions I usually respect, stated, "I can't help but feel morally that, if they weren't so promiscuous, this wouldn't be happening to them."

Another replied: "Not only that, where were they (Gay men) when toxic shock developed? What support have they offered us for the problem of breast cancer?"

The analogy was a poor one, I told them. While it is true that the patriarchal powers that be have been negligent in their response to the diseases that attack women, and Gay men are part of the patriarchy, such a retaliatory attitude does not address the real issue at hand.

What these women failed to see was that Gay men are being discriminated against because of their illness. Society at-large is citing their lifestyle as the *cause* of the illness.

Later that evening I was reading the Newsweek story "Gay America" and was again confronted with a prominent Lesbian passing judgment on her brothers. Carol Lease of the Colorado Gay & Lesbian Center tells all of America she is skeptical of male homosexuals' "new maturity" (i.e., a turn towards monogamy).

"The reason they're shedding (promiscuity)" she says, "is not because it isn't healthy to treat people like pieces of meat. They're doing it because of a reaction of fear."

Are the feelings of these women reflective of the Lesbian community at-large? Unfortunately, I believe they are. I look around me, I listen, and I begin to feel the moral judgments of many Lesbians against Gay men festering like an abcess in our community.

The Falwellian platitude of "reaping what you sow" is devastating when echoed by the Right. But it is deadly when it is even whispered in our community. Beware, condemnation from the Right is infiltrating and influencing us in not so subtle ways.

Our own homophobia is showing. We are the first to say "Lesbians don't have AIDS. We're not promiscuous. In fact, we have very few sexually transmitted diseases. Because of this, our blood is purer than the majority of heterosexuals' blood."

All of those facts are true, however there is a clear homophobic message that I detect. Somehow we are better, more acceptable. To whom? Society at-large? While some Lesbians frown on the multiple sex partners many Gay men choose, keep in mind that the single sex partner we as Lesbians choose is no more palatable to society.

Gay men are dying every day and it's no one's "fault." Research indicates that the disease is transmitted by sexual contact, not caused by it. Yes, increased exposure to sexually transmitted diseases can impair the immune system and because of this, Gay men need to look at the sexual aspect of their lifestyle and make some serious changes, but for preventative health reasons, not for moral reasons. It's not that frequent sex with various partners is wrong, but it is, at this point, very dangerous to their health.

The only moral issue as I see it, is one of obligation. Gay men have a responsibility to do everything in their power to halt the spread of this deadly disease in our community, by having responsible sexual encounters and by protecting themselves and their partners.

Lesbian women have an obligation to understand. Gay men lead a very different lifestyle from us. Some of us don't condone it, some of us envy it, but none of us should condemn it. Lifestyle is not the issue here. Life is.

Why AIDS attacks homosexual men is unknown. Under different circumstances it could have been us. Maybe it still will be us. Is that when it will no longer be a moral issue for Lesbians? Is that when we'll begin to actively do something—raise funds, march, educate ourselves and others and take responsible politcal stands?

Unfortunately, the Lesbian community in this city [Los Angeles] is, at best, silent. Men whom we know and love, men who have fought the same good fight to live freely, are dying, and there is an attempt by the Right to take that fact and turn it on us like a weapon.

To say that because Gay men live an alternative lifestyle of sexual freedom, they have brought this "plague" upon themselves and upon society is not only fallacious, it is cruel.

To stigmatize a victim for his disease is an erroneous attitude we must not embrace. The senseless deaths of our brothers from this disease that strikes them randomly must concern us if for no other reason than that we are compassionate and caring human beings. We cannot continue to be indifferent or moralistic. Those sentiments are as deadly to the Gay community as the disease of AIDS itself.

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Raza Del Ambiente Asks Help To Collect Food For Christmas Baskets For Hungry

Editor:

In keeping with the spirit of Christmas, Raza del Ambiente has taken on the project of putting together Christmas food baskets for needy families (first priority will be for gay needy families).

We are therefore asking for donations of canned and other food goods for the baskets. Any contributions you can make to this most worthy project will be appreciated. Also, if you know of any Gay or other needy families, submit the names to the Raza del Ambiente at P.O. Box 160300, Suite 277, Sacramento, 95816.

Call Chica at 444-6371 or Angel at 446-9066 to pick up donations or you may drop them off at 1701 O Street, Apt. 110, Sacramento. Deadline for the donations and names is December 20, 1983.

CHICA RODRIGUEZ
Chairperson
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AS I SEE IT

Bearclaws And BMWs

By RICK RUMAN

I saw a BMW on 34th Street near Folsom Boulevard for the first time last week. It was parked in the driveway of what had once been a modest little bungalow, now undergoing renovation. I could tell by the new roof and the Levolor mini-blinds in the windows.

I wouldn't have been on 34th Street at all except for being seized by a sudden nostalgic desire for some almond-encrusted bear claws from Philipp's bakery.

One of my favorite childhood memories is stopping at Philipp's on the way home from the old Arata Brothers' Market to get some bear claws for the long ride home. I would sit in the back seat eating a bear claw and crossing my sticky fingers so that my father would make all the lights on Folsom Boulevard—at least to 65th Street. Even then I knew that some things were impossible, beyond the magical power of even the most tightly crossed fingers, and making the light at 65th Street was (and is) one of them.

I rounded the corner of 34th and Folsom and pulled into Philipp's parking lot at 33rd. I hadn't been there for nearly a year, since I had last ordered a birthday cake for my mother. Mr. Philipps had spent some time then telling me about hunting at the ranch when my grandfather was alive.

I was so caught up in my reminiscence that I walked in the door fully expecting to see behind the counter the clerk who had worked there when I was a boy. She was a cheerful woman with more than a hint of a moustache and a tiny red gingham bow planted slightly askew in the front of her gray hair. But in her place was a brusque if more efficient woman, her hair and her slight German accent both carefully clipped.

I looked around the shop as she gathered the pastries I wanted from the cases. A small sign of bleeding felt pen on cardboard said, "Please make checks out to *New* Philipp's Bakery."

The woman set the bag of bear claws on the top of the counter and asked if there would be anything else.

"No," I said. "You've changed the name of the bakery," I went on, almost as a question.

"Oh yes," she said, as if I should know.

"Mr. Philipps no longer owns it?"

"No," she said. "Not for a year. We are having an anniversary celebration today. If you come back at 10 we will have free coffee and things to taste. $3.58 please."

She smiled for just an instant as if the corners of her mouth had suddenly and violently been drawn up by strings and then released.

The old owner, the founder, was Julius Philipps. But he called the bakery "Philipp's." Maybe because it was easier—or maybe he didn't know as much about grammar as he did about baking.

I left the shop a little saddened. I thought about the people who were renovating the house on 34th Street. Without justification, I imagined them driving past Philipp's in its pedestrian little brick storefront to stand in line at La Boulangerie for that most trendy and overrated of pastries, the croissant. (With a bowl of Oregon raspberries and creme fraiche? Sinful!)

They were, I was sure, the kind of people who would never know the joy in making all the lights on Folsom Boulevard from Alhambra to 65th Street with a sticky bear claw in one hand. ★

Thousands Of Schools Request Info From National Parents & Friends Of Gays Group

The National Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays reports that requests for several thousand books "About our Children" have been received from university dormitory directors and nursing school directors from Boston to Albuquerque.

A letter received from East Los Angeles College, Monterey Park, Calif., said in part, "As faculty, we hope that the understanding gained will help our students be more sensitive to the sexual needs of all of our patients."

The University of Illinois at The Medical Center, Chicago College of Nursing, Urbana, Ill., wrote that "We understand and agree that there is a real need to bring about a better understanding of lesbians and gays; therefore, we are willing to impart information to all of our students."

A spokesperson for PFLAG said, "It is hoped that these mailings will help change attitudes toward our gay sons and lesbian daughters."

The federation is made up of parent groups and contacts throughout the United States. It was formed to "bring understanding of our gay/lesbian children to the community at large through education." Speakers bureaus are located in many areas of the United States. ★

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Witness For Peace Intended As Shield In Central America

In November, 1983, an ecumenical grassroots network of Christians drawn from every region of the United States launched a dramatic new initiative, Witness for Peace, in Nicaragua. Acting out of fellowship with Nicaraguan Christians in opposition to the United States government's covert war against that country, the group recently began a prayerful, nonviolent permanent vigil in the border zone between Nicaragua and Honduras.

The aim of the Witness is to provide what organizers call a "protective shield" between the Nicaraguan people and the U.S.-sponsored counterrevolutionaries ("contras") attacking from Honduras. The group hopes that the constant presence of North American church people in the war zone will hamper the operations of the "contras" who, according to Nicaraguan Christians, have massacred and terrorized the people of the border region.

Witness for Peace national coordinator Yvonne Dilling says many church people both here and in Nicaragua fear that the recent United States invasion of Grenada "raises the threat of an even more intense war against Nicaragua and of more direct United States involvement in that war."★

Administration Doubletalk

Fund Shortage For AIDS Research Revealed

Although the Reagan administration insisted federal agencies had all the money they wanted for their efforts to combat AIDS, high officials in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services were privately pleading earlier this year for more federal funds for AIDS research, according to a Dec. 5 report by Randy Shilts in the San Francisco Chronicle.

Previously undisclosed documents obtained by The Chronicle under the Freedom of Information Act revealed that federal health officials were saying last spring that important AIDS research was not undertaken this year because of the lack of federal money.

The documents show the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta also diverted millions of dollars from other important projects to maintain a minimum level of AIDS research, Shilts reported.

"A review of internal memos between officials in the Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and the Office of Management and Budget show that the rapid proliferation of AIDS left federal health agencies delaying key AIDS research and scrambling to play elaborate bureaucratic shell games with health money," Shilts wrote.

Dr. Edward Brandt, assistant secretary of Health and Human Services, in a May 13 memo said, "It has now reached the point where important AIDS work cannot be undertaken because of the lack of available resources."

This memo, to the department's assistant secretary for management and budget, also listed other important health work that was "postponed, delayed or severely curtailed" because money from other federal health programs such as studies on hepatitis, influenza among the elderly, and rabies was being diverted to AIDS research .

Dr. William Foege, then Director of the Centers for Disease Control, sent a request for additional AIDS funding to Brandt in May, complaining about being caught "in the frustrating position of again playing 'catch up' in regards to AIDS money."

Two weeks later, Thomas Donnelly, Health and Human Services assistant secretary for legislation, wrote a senate staff member that "we are not in favor of additional appropriations" for AIDS.★

Brandt, too, a political appointee of the administration, told a House subcommittee on May 9 that federal agencies did not need more funding for AIDS, just four days before his request to Health and Human Services for additional money.

He opposed a proposed $40 million emergency fund for dealing with new epidemics such as AIDS: "It is unnecessary, since we already have adequate authority to conduct the research activities the bill would authorize, and existing budget and appropriations processes are effective in funding these activities.'★

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Presentations On Lesbian/Gay History Scheduled For Convention Of American Historical Association In SF Dec. 27-30

Special programs on lesbian/gay history will be presented throughout the 98th annual American Historical Association convention to be held December 27-30 at the Embarcadero Hyatt in San Francisco.

"She Even Chewed Tobacco," a slide/tape documenting 19th century San Francisco women who passed as men, will be presented Tuesday, December 27, at 8 p.m., Hyatt, Embarcadero A. The slide/tape was produced by members of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay History Project and premiered at last summer's International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.

"T'ain't Nobody's Bizness," a slide/talk about interracial gay life in Harlem during the 1920s, will be presented by Eric Garber on Wednesday, December 28, at 8 p.m., Hyatt, Embarcadero A. Garber is a member of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay History Project and the co-author of "Uranian Worlds: A Reader's Guide to Alternative Sexuality in Science Fiction and Fantasy."

Another slide/lecture, "The Making of the Modern Homosexual: The Historical Transformation of Urban Gay Subcultures into an American Gay Culture" by Gregory Sprague, will be presented Thursday, December 29, at 8 p.m., Hyatt, Bayview A and B. Sprague's lecture details the history of American gay men and their culture from the mid-19th century to the present. Sprague is the Coordinator of the Chicago Gay and Lesbian History Project and a co-founder of the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History of the American Historical Association.

"The Making of the Modern Homosexual" will also be presented at the Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia Street, San Francisco, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 8:30 p.m. Admission will cost $4. For information and reservations, call (415) 863-3863.

There will be a short meeting of the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History and a social for visiting historians sponsored by the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay History Project immediately following Sprague's presentation.

"Male Homosexuality in Comparative Historical Perspective," a joint session with the A.H.A., is programmed for December 30, at 9 a.m., Hyatt, Embarcadero D. The presenters are Sprague and Walter Williams of the University of Cincinnati. Sprague and Williams are co-authoring a book on male homosexual behaviors and gay identities in North America prior to 1950.

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'All-American Boys' And 'A Different Love' Present Two Contrasting Stories Of Being Young, Gay, And In Love

"A Different Love" by Clay Larkin. 128 pages, paperbound. $4.95.
"All American Boys" by Frank Mosca. 116 pages, paperbound. $4.95.
Alyson Publications, P.O. Box 2783, Boston, MA 02208.

Reviewed by JASON J. LINDO

"A Different Love" and "All American Boys" are two novels recently published by Alyson Publications. Both deal with coming out, forming a relationship, and living happily ever after; from that point, however, the similarities end.

"A Different Love" by Clay Larkin deals with two lovers, Billy and Harold, who flee the corn fields of a small town in Iowa for the safety of San Francisco. As all Iowa farmboys are supposed to be, both Billy and Harold are naive about the big city. Harold is older than Billy, although the author is quick to assure the reader that he is equally good looking, well hung, etc. as his young lover—just older and butcher.

Shortly after they arrive in The City and set up housekeeping, the two go to a neighborhood bar on Polk Street. The bartender and a regular customer soon place bets on the future of Billy and Harold's relationship. The person who bets their relationship will fall apart is a jaundiced veteran of both tricking and relationships, and knows these two lambs are headed for the wolves. The bartender, who is older and looking for a lover because he knows his flawless looks won't last too much longer, bets against the break-up because the couple seem to possess all the things he wants (including, I might add, Harold).

The rest of the novel is the story of Harold and Billy's dealing with extra-relational sex, breaking up, starting their lives over, and finally their reunion after Billy is queer-bashed and they rediscover eternal love.

If this sounds a bit sarcastic, it's because I think the writer deserves it. Larkin takes a rather good story line that is as old as the hills, and instead of freshening it up a bit he just adds more centuries to it.

The book is filled with bad stereotyping. The main characters are flawless and beautiful. Aging is shown as desirable only if you are well-preserved (after Harold and Billy break up, Billy works for a "rich old queen" who spends all his time trying to seduce the youth).

"A Different Love" portrays gay male society as full of callous beauty queens, homewreckers, desperate aging men searching for lovers and stability, and naive heterosexually-based coupling. My suggestion to the author is that he rewrite the book, and to potential readers is that they borrow it from someone already unfortunate enough to own it—or better yet, spend the money on the other new Alyson novel, "All American Boys."

"All American Boys" by Frank Mosca is quite a sleeper. When I first saw the book, I thought, "Good Lord, an adolescent version of 'A Different Love'!" But I was wrong.

It is the story of Neil, high school jock and closet gay, and Paul, his new neighbor. We soon find out that Neil is in love with Paul; then, in a very touching scene, Paul comes out to Neil in Neil's car in the parking lot of a taco stand. At first, Neil does not know how to handle the situation—he's spent all his life hiding his secret, and now he's confronted with Paul sharing the same secret with him. In the end, Neil tells Paul he too is gay, and the two meet later that night to seal their friendship by making love.

The reasons Paul gives for coming out—that he values his friends and that he is proud of being gay and doesn't want

to hide it from people he cares about—are reasons any gay person can both admire and relate to. The entire novel strikes one in the same way: here are two people's lives that we gay and lesbian readers can relate to.

Later on, the school bully tells the entire school that Neil and Paul are gay, and also tells their parents. The confrontations they endure, as well as the friends who stick up for them, are an accurate portrayal of what many gay teens face when coming out in high school.

"All American Boys" ends with Paul surviving a terrible queer-bashing. Unlike the episode of anti-gay violence in Larkin's book, this episode shows positive growth: the bashers are caught, and the beating ends the family feuding as they realize how hatred like theirs hurts gay people. Paul and Neil move in together in college, and they begin to meet other gay people and to discover how they live their lives.

We end "All American Boys" feeling good about these two young men, who are both building a life together and deciding to help build a sense of community for all gay people.

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A Sampling Of Vladimir Horowitz Recordings

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

Reading Glenn Plaskin's excellent biography of pianist Vladimir Horowitz, I realized that I had almost no experience of Horowitz's playing against which to compare Plaskin's evaluations and descriptions. I decided to assemble a sample of his recorded work—various pieces by various composers in various genres, recorded under various conditions at various times by various record companies.

An RCA four-disc set (CRM4-0914) contains his Complete Recorded Concerto Repertoire: Tchaikovsky's First and Brahms' Second with Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Symphony, and Beethoven's Fifth (the Emperor) and Rachmaninoff's Third with Fritz Reiner and the RCA Symphony.

Of course, both Reiner and Toscanini were superb orchestral technicians, demanding precision and intensity from their players. Horowitz seems to have worked very well with both of them, producing performances of these concertos that are astounding in their virtuosity. The intellectual depth of them is not always commensurate with the technical polish, but the pianism especially will continually amaze and delight you, making the familiar music sound fresh, but not distorted merely for the sake of innovation.

From the 1930's to the late 1950's, when Horowitz recorded, he recorded for RCA Victor. At times he insisted on various rather bizarre recording conditions, either insisting that he be recorded only during concerts or insisting that the recordings be made in his living room.

One of these records, RCA ARM1-2718, contains the only available recording of Horowitz in chamber music, a performance of Brahms' Sonata No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 108, for Violin and Piano, with his lifelong friend Nathan Milstein.

On the flip side is a 1950 recording of Schumann's Kinderscenen, Op. 15, one of the staples of Horowitz's repertoire. For my taste, the mid-60's recording on Columbia, discussed below, is better. This one tends to be rather superficial and episodic, as though Horowitz dwelt so much on perfecting each part that he lost sight of the whole.

Another RCA disc (ARM1-2717) is a collection of the short encore pieces for which Horowitz is rightly famous. The recording dates range from 1942 to 1951; the repertoire ranges from Bach (arranged by Busoni) and Mendelssohn (arranged by Lizst and Horowitz) to Prokofiev, and includes Horowitz's own notorious Variations on Themes from 'Carmen' and his legendary arrangement of John Philip Sousa's The Stars and Stripes Forever.

These splashy showpieces provide an excellent overview of the pianist's amazing technical virtuousity, with perfect trills, thunderous chords, multiple voices of absolute clarity, hairpin dynamics, great tenderness, exquisite elegance, and stirring drama. On the other hand, one could just dismiss it all as so much high camp.

During the later 1950's, when Horowitz had again withdrawn from public performance, he spent a great deal of time researching, learning, and practicing the works of Clementi and Scriabin. And, apparently much to the horror of RCA, he wanted to record them. He did, no one bought them, and he stopped recording. In the mid-60's, he made a highly publicized return to recording, signing a contract with Columbia Records, and producing a highly-acclaimed series of records.

One of these is Columbia MS 6411, The Sound of Horowitz. The program consists of Schumann's Kinderscenen and his Toccata, Op. 7, three sonatas by Scarlatti, Schubert's Impromptu in G Flat Major, Op. 90, No. 3, and Scriabin's Poem, Op. 32, No. 1, Etude in C-Sharp Minor, Op. 2, No. 1, and Etude in D-Sharp Minor, Op. 8, No. 12.

The first difference one notices between this and the earlier RCA albums is the vast improvement in the recorded sound. Horowitz's Steinway sounds like a real piano and the full impact of his gorgeous tone, variety of color, and wide dynamic range is evident for the first time. The second difference is that the interpretations themselves seem more relaxed and less mannered, though no less virtuosic. While not models of Baroque performance practice, the Scarlatti sonatas are sheer delight, and the Scriabin pieces, if it is not somehow contradictory to say so, given the mystical Romanticism of the composer, sound perfectly natural.

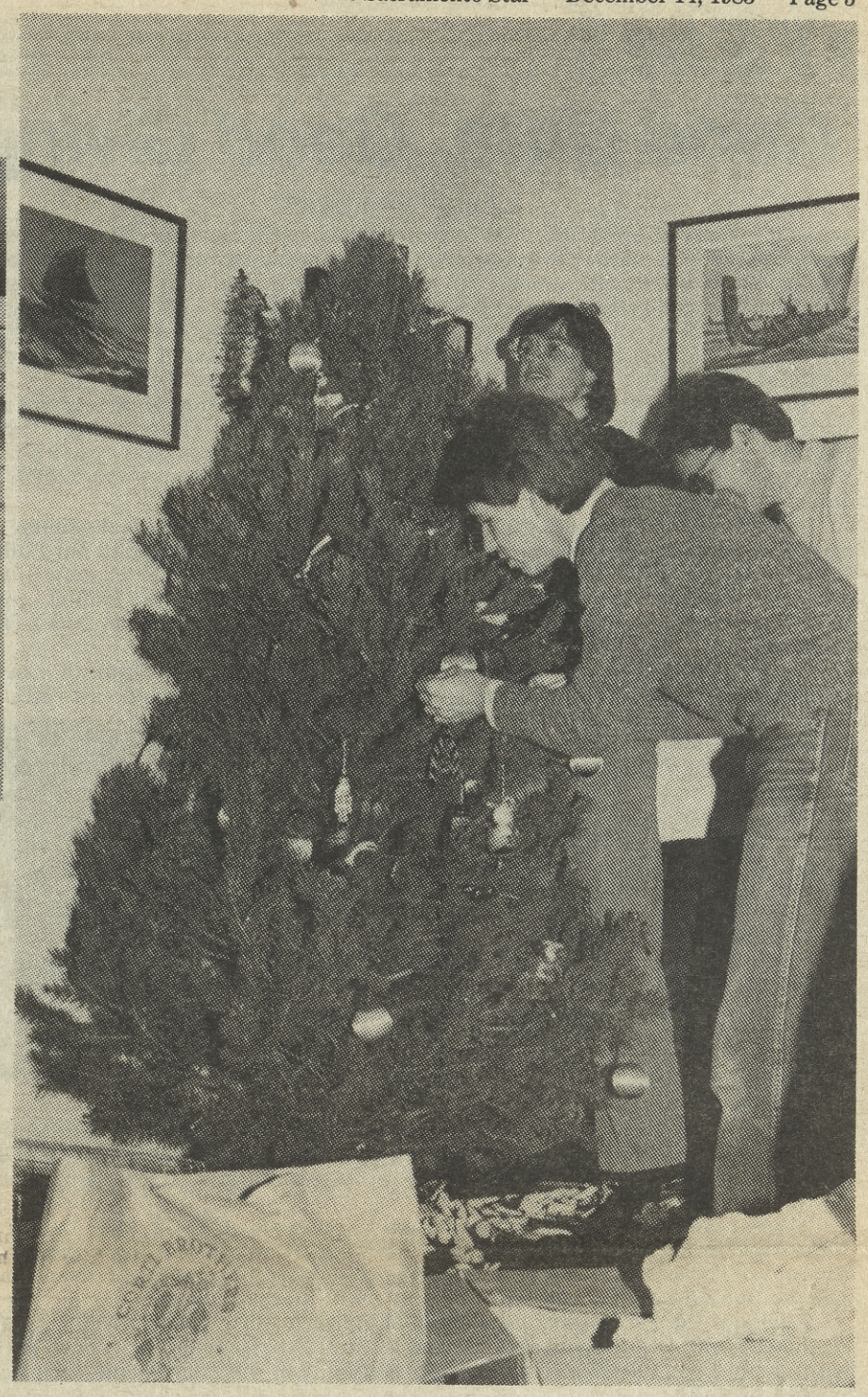
By the mid-70's Horowitz was once again at odds with his record company, and returned to RCA. All of his recitals were taped, and albums were assembled from these recordings. Thus, on some discs, it is quite possible that different parts of a composition came from performances in different places on different days. A couple of discs are exceptions to this; one is Horowitz at the Met (RCA ARC1-4585), a document of his historic recital at the Metropolitan Opera House on Nov. 1, 1981.

Sonically, this is probably the finest Horowitz recording available. It was recorded digitally, and captures the extra verve and bravura of public performance without any of the usual intrusive extraneous noises, such as applause, coughs, sneezes, and so on. In addition, this is prime Horowitz repertoire.★

Making Christmas Merry

Star Photos by J.K. Graham

Christmas is a time for sharing and giving, traditionally a time when families and friends gather. Sometimes, it can be a time of alienation, even depression. But it doesn't have to be, as Star editor James Graham and his lover Jason Lindo wanted to show when they recently invited friends to share with them an evening of tree-trimming, cookie baking, popcorn, hot chocolate, mulled apple cider, and sharing. The guests brought canned goods and other food items to make up a Christmas basket to be given to La Raza del Ambiente for distribution to needy families in our community.



'The Butch Manual': Unerring Definition Of How To Become Butch, But Why?

"The Butch Manual" by Clark Henley. 119 pages, paperbound. $6.95. The Sea Horse Press.

Reviewed by RICK RUMAN

"No one was born butch," writes Clark Henley in "The Butch Manual."

"People were born babies and promptly burst into tears, which was most un-Butch."

Henley's book offers a tongue-in-cheek, step-by-step program for anyone aspiring to be an insensitive, egotistical boor:

"Butch does nothing twice, at least not with the same person. He is not interested in being committed, even if free drugs are involved.

"If Butch is asked to hold something, he clutches it like a football. This is perhaps fine for a woman's purse, less good for a birthday cake.

"Butch does not like Country & Western stars because all they ever sing about is getting hurt by love, which Butch cannot relate to."

Because Henley has so unerringly defined the Butch personality, the book also begs the question: Why do some gay men eroticize these despicable qualities of some heterosexual males?

"The Butch Manual" is very funny; you'll laugh until tears come to your eyes—unless you think about it much. And, of course, if you're really serious about becoming Butch you're not apt to do either of those things.★

'The Christopher Street Reader'

A Great Gift To Find Under Your Tree

"The Christopher Street Reader," edited by Michael Denneny, Charles Ortleb, and Thomas Steele. 428 pages, hardbound. $16.95. Coward-McCann.

Reviewed by RICK RUMAN

If you're not a subscriber to Christopher Street magazine, and you haven't haunted the newsstands in search of each hard-to-find issue, by all means seek out "The Christopher Street Reader."

This collection of interviews and essays that have appeared in the magazine since its founding in 1976 never fails to enlighten and entertain. To be sure, there is some dispensible material here, and work by or about women is conspicuous by its absence, but on the whole the book is worth any reader's time.

I question the editors' decision to lead off the volume with Aaron Fricke's "One Life, One Prom." Fricke's description of his decision to take a male date to his senior prom, and the repercussions, is written in the manner of a how-I-spent-my-summer-vacation essay and seems rather flat. Then again, it could be that it merely suffers by its proximity, and inevitable comparison, to the other work in the book.

Not to be missed are interviews with Gore (always a godfather, never a God) Vidal and Jean Paul Sartre. The latter is the last interview Sartre gave before his death, and the first in which he agreed to "talk to homosexuals about homosexuality."

For those for who a day is not complete without a major or minor domestic crisis, Seymour Kleinberg's "Modern Arrangements: Careless Love," defines the modern over-psychologized relationship. More is revealed by the fact that the two men whom Kleinberg interviewed over an extended period of time would want to maintain a relationship that they constantly subject to the most microscopic examination than by the results of their examination.

In other essays the late Wallace Hamilton reveals "The Secret Life of Horatio Alger," and "G" describes gay life in Moscow.

If you're lucky you'll find this book under your tree or in your stocking this Christmas.

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ITEMS

Good Gifts, Good Giving

By RICK VAN DYKE

Is it just my imagination, or is December the busiest month of the year? It seems as though it's even harder to keep up with what's what and who's who and what and who are where when in December. But it's also a nice time of year for getting together with friends and sharing food and drink and good cheer, and a nice time to hear from people you've been out of touch with since last year at this time. So to all my friends and readers, novice and veteran, occasional and faithful, I extend my wishes for your health and happiness during the holidays and throughout the New Year!

Back to the news: **Christine Lindsey** of the **Nor-Cal Center on Deafness** will be the special **guest signer** for the Friday, Dec. 16, performance of **"The Gift Giver"** by **Bart Phelps** at the Old Eagle Theatre in Old Sacramento. The curtain goes up at 8 p.m. and tickets are $6 general admission and $4 for students and seniors, at the EMPAC box office, 1419 H Street.

"Germans to American: 300 Years of Immigration, 1683-1983" is the theme of an historical exhibition opening Dec. 17 at the **Stanford Gallery** in the Big Four Building, 111 I Street, Old Sacramento. The gallery is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, or to volunteer to help staff the exhibit, contact Sacramento Museum and History Commission member **Bruce Pierini,** 1930 J Street, 447-2958.

Sunday, Dec. 18, from noon till 6 p.m., the new **Image Makers' Studio** of wimmin's art and artists is having their **grand opening** open house, art sale, and art raffle. The Studio, at 2405 Capitol Mall, currently features the works of photographers **Pat Gargaetas** and **Remy Ceci** and printmaker/painter **Cynthia Seawomyn.** Their phone number is 441-1957.

Rick Van Dyke

Dec. 18 is also the date of the **Christmas Party and election of officers** for the **Sacramento Lesbian/Gay Mental Health Professionals.** They're having a white elephant gift exchange and all lesbians and gay men working in the health and mental health professions are invited. The time is 7 p.m. at 1103 33rd Street.

River City Democratic Club has also scheduled its **holiday party** for the 18th, from 2 till 6 p.m. at 1800 G St. Everyone, especially prospective members, is invited to attend. Please bring a donation of canned food for the **Downtown Sacramento Food Closet,** which provides food for the homeless and hungry. For more information, call **Jerry Sloan** at 381-3115.

The regular third-Tuesday-of-the-month **Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** rap session, facilitated by counselor **Valerie Winn** and psychiatrist **Will Green,** will meet in Primary Room 2 of Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Drive, at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 20.

The **Sacramento Better Breathers' Club** will meet Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. at the **American Lung Association,** 909 12th Street. Persons who have chronic lung disease are invited to attend these meetings on the third Wednesday of every month. Call the Lung Association at 444-LUNG for more information.

Auditions for a February production of **Edward Albee's** play **"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf"** will be held Dec. 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Art Court Theatre, Sacramento City College. For more information, call the **Sacramento City Actor's Theatre,** 449-7537.

If you're concerned about the nuclear threat to peace, you'll want to join the **Candlelight Vigil of Hope for Peace on Earth,** Dec. 21, from 4:30 till 5:45 p.m., all around the **Memorial Auditorium** at 16th and J Streets. Bring a candle or flashlight. Children are welcome.

Queen Ida and her Bon Temps Zydeco Band will be featured at Nevada City's **Christmas Dance Party '83** at the American Victorian Museum, Friday, Dec. 23, 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. Advance tickets for $6 are available in Sacramento at Tower Tickets. **Music Futures,** producers of the event, are predicting a sell-out, so get your tickets early: Queen Ida is hot!

Are you working yourself into a dither over **selecting Christmas gifts?** Try to remember that giving is supposed to be a pleasure, not an obligation, and that the most appreciated presents are the ones that reflect the extra love and care you put into choosing them. Let me suggest a number of lesbian/gay-related gifts that should be fun to give and to get.

The number of **good gay and lesbian books** available is growing by the proverbial leaps and bounds. Among the latest are **"The Law of Return" by Alice Bloch,** about a Jewish woman who discovers her lesbianism, from Alyson Publications; **"Burton and Speke" by William Harrison,** about the 19th century explorers who sought the source of the Nile, from St. Martin's Press; and **"Changing" by Michael Leonard,** a portfolio of drawings of men dressing and undressing by the illustrator of "The Joy of Gay Sex," from Gay Men's Press of England.

For other book suggestions, try **Lioness Books** in the First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. Or if you'd rather let the recipient of your gift choose the book, why not give a **gift certificate** from Lioness?

A Christmas album you can listen to year 'round is **"A Festival of Song"** by the **New York City Gay Men's Chorus,** conducted by Gary Miller, on Pro Arte Records. A mix of traditional carols, like "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" and "O Tannenbaum," with selections by Bruckner, Gabrieli, Sweelinck, and Randall Thompson, it features superb singing in resplendent digital sound.

Tickets to the **Evening of Music and Comedy** to benefit the **Coalition for Family Partner Benefits** would help a good cause and make a great gift. This show, on Feb. 3 at the Sierra II Theatre, will feature **Romanovsky and Phillips,** gay singers/comics, and **De Laria and Strobel,** a lesbian comedy and singing team. Tickets are $6 each; call **Boyce Hinman** at 965-6851 to order yours.

To get a preview of the wit and art of **Romanovsky and Phillips,** you might want to order their cassette of a performance at the Valencia Rose last spring. Featuring such songs as "In the Outfield" and "What Kind of Self-Respecting Faggot Am I?," it is both funny and moving. Write to Romanovsky and Phillips, 2269 Market St., No. 301, San Francisco 94114.

It's a little late for cards, but prints of beautiful icons of **St. Francis, the Madonna of Tenderness, David and Jonathan, and St. Oscar Romero** can be ordered from Dignity/San Francisco, c/o 523 Valley Street, San Francisco 94131.

One of the greatest gifts any woman could give to the community as a whole, and to her gay brothers in particular, is **the gift of life:** a donation of blood at the **Blood Sisters blood drive,** Thursday, Dec. 29, from 2 till 8 p.m. at the YWCA. Call the Sacramento Blood Bank, 444-6516, to make an appointment to donate blood in support of people with AIDS.★

Association of Business Councils

Works On Racism

Contemporary issues and pressing business issues were addressed by the Board of Directors of the national Association of Business Councils' (N.A.B.C.) third annual conference/convention in Los Angeles Nov. 3-5. Major issues included racism, insurance, networking and a pending U.S. Supreme Court case. N.A.B.C. is the national association of 20 local gay business and professional associations representing over 3,000 members.

The N.A.B.C. voted unanimously to enter an amicus brief in the case of New York vs. Uplinger. The district attorney of Buffalo, N.Y. has appealed New York state's highest court's ruling which overturned the state's solicitation law. The law made it a crime to ask anyone to participate in homosexual sex in private. The New York high court ruled that the law was an invasion of privacy and was inconsistent with other rulings in a state which had effectively made consensual acts between adults in private legal.

N.A.B.C. hopes to point out to the U.S. Supreme Court how such restrictive laws limit and interfere with commerce, travel and personal expression, especially for the gay business or professional person. The amicus brief is due by mid-December. Donations from all local chapter members are being solicited and will be channeled through the tax-deductible legal program of ONE, Inc.

Concern with the impact of racism was underscored by the report from N.A.B.C.'s Committee on Racism. The Board committed itself to ongoing research into the complex issues of racism and the committee will continue to work on suggested guidelines and practices for N.A.B.C. members. The Board strongly affirmed its pledge of non-discrimination.

Agreement was reached to allow all national members to use the discount considerations of San Francisco's G.G.B.A. discount program. This will make it possible for N.A.B.C. traveling members to take advantage of considerations available to participating clubs in each city.

The Board endorsed the Third World/People of Color conference to be held at the University of California, Berkeley, June 21-24, 1984. They also endorsed the Third World Focus on Gay/Lesbian Health Conference, to be held June 16-19, 1984 in New York.

An optional Disability Insurance Program will be made available to members through local chapters, underwritten by the Aetna Life and Casualty Company.

A move toward increased responsiveness to local business and professional organizations by the Board was demonstrated in a by-law change which added five regional representatives to the executive committee. The change will take effect following the May 1984 Elective Board of Directors meeting, which will be held in Seattle, WA.★

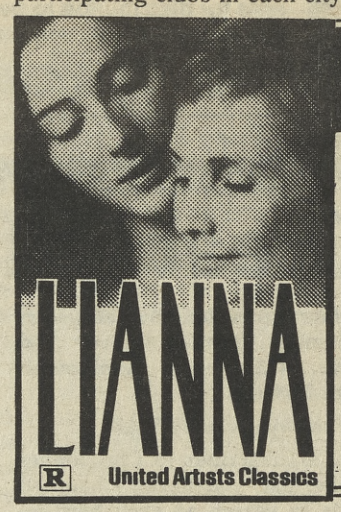
Computer Network For Lesbians/Gays

A group of gay men and lesbians interested in using computers to help individuals and organizations in our community has started meeting in New York City.

The group, as yet unnamed, grew out of a computer-based electronic wire service for gay media and a Telecommunications Information Project (TIP) national survey, both sponsored by The Media Fund for Human Rights and the Gay Press Association. The computerized wire service facilitates distribution of news to lesbian and gay publications across the country.

Using the TIP survey, the New York group hopes to find out what other kinds of computer-based communications networks and databases would be useful to gay and lesbian individuals and organizations.

For more information, interested individuals should contact T.I.P., Post Office Box A, Old Chelsea Station, New York, N.Y. 10011.★



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Wednesday, December 14

★ The STAR is published.

★ NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force. Call Marcie, 921-2835 for info. 7 p.m.

★ Clogging for beginners, presented by Ron Brewer and Sutter's Stompers. Call Joe, 441-1959, or Rich, 448-2036, for information. Volcano Room, Coloma Community Center, 4623 T Street. 7-8:30 p.m.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective facilitated workshop on "'Tis the Season to be Lonely." Share and explore ideas for support during the often-awkward and lonely holidays. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.

Thursday, December 15

★ Support group for women facing major life changes. Sponsored by Women Changing Direction. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. child care available by prior arrangement. For info: 444-8050. 7-9 p.m.

★ Volleyball for men and women. Sponsored by Our River City Family. $2.50 facilities fee. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information. Sacramento City College Women's Gym. 7-11 p.m.

Saturday, December 17

★ SAGA II presents Sacramento Scratch Bowling Invitational. Land Park Brunswick Bowl. Noon.

Sunday, December 18

★ Worship Service. Christmas cantata, "A Night of Miracles." Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ Dignity/Sacramento Mass. St. Francis Chapel, 26th & K St. Call Dignity phone, 444-8939, for information.

★ Transition (Gay Latter-Day Saints) Potluck/Discussion. Call 965-5084 or write 3030-B Q Street, Suite 215, Sacramento 95816. 6-9 p.m.

★ Chrysalis Neighborhood Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

★ Grand Opening of Image Makers' Studio, a Wimmin's Studio and Gallery. Works by Pat Gargaetas, Cynthia Seawomyn, and Remy Ceci. Raffle at 4 p.m.—tickets $1. 2405 Capitol Avenue. 441-1957. Noon-6 p.m.

★ River City Democratic Club Christmas Party. Non-members welcome. Please bring some canned food to donate to the Sacramento Food Closet. Call Jerry, 381-3115, for place. 2-6 p.m.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective men-only potluck. 6 p.m. Call 441-1959 for place and directions.

★ Sacramento Lesbian/Gay Mental Health Professionals. Christmas party and election of officers. 1103 33rd St. 7 p.m. Call Ed Hall, 484-1212, for more information.

★ Patrick Connally's 9th Annual Art Presentation. Mum's Restaurant, 2968 Freeport Blvd. 4-8 p.m.

Monday, December 19

★ Toys for Tots sponsored by River City Metropolitan Community Church. Hosted by the Mercantile Saloon. Bring money, food, or toys. Mercantile, 20th & L St. Call 381-0629, weekdays after 3 p.m., for information.

Tuesday, December 20

★ Deadline for donations of food to Raza del Ambiente for Christmas Baskets for the poor. Call Chica at 444-6371 for more info.

★ Holiday Open House/Thank You for Volunteers. AIDS Foundation, 2115 J St., Suite 3. 5-7 p.m.

★ Capital City Squares. Coloma Community Center, 46th & T St. Call 488-2440 (days) or 486-0150 (eves). 7 p.m.

Rap Group. Facilitated by Valerie Winn and Will Green. Primary Room 2, Fremont Presbyterian Church, H St. at Carlson Drive. 7:30 p.m. Call 428-4348 for info.

★ Raza del Ambiente, gay/lesbian Hispanic organization, meets. New members welcome. 7:30 p.m. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St.

Wednesday, December 21

★ Deadline for The STAR.

★ Clogging for beginners, presented by Ron Brewer and Sutter's Stompers. Call Joe, 441-1959, or Rich, 448-2036, for information. Volcano Room, Coloma Community Center, 4623 T Street. 7-8:30 p.m.

★ Rap group for the "Worried Well." Led by Tom Richardson and Jackson Peyton. AIDS/KS Foundation office, 2115 J St., Suite 3. 7:30 p.m. For info, call 448-AIDS.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective business meeting. La Semilla, 312 20th St. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.

★ Candlelight Vigil of Hope for Peace on Earth. Children welcome, bring candle or flashlight, raingear if necessary. Refreshments following. Sponsored by Sacramento Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and other community groups. Around the Memorial Auditorium, 16th & J Streets. 4:30-5:45 p.m.

★ "Sexual Politics for Couples and Singles." Lecture/discussion with Sally Wagner. Men $4, women $2.44. La Semilla, 312 20th St. Call 443-5001 for time.

Thursday, December 22

★ Christmas Caroling with River City Metropolitan Community Church at local convalescent hospitals. Call 381-0629, weekdays after 3 p.m., for information.

★ Support group for women facing major life changes. Sponsored by Women Changing Direction. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. child care available by prior arrangement. For info: 444-8050. 7-9 p.m.

★ Volleyball for men and women. Sponsored by Our River City Family. $2.50 facilities fee. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information. Sacramento City College Women's Gym. 7-11 p.m.

Saturday, December 24

★ *CHRISTMAS EVE.*

★ River City Metropolitan Community

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CALENDAR

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Church celebrates with a special Candlelight Service. 2741 34th St. 454-4762. 11 p.m.

★ Dignity/Sacramento celebrates Midnight Mass with St. Francis Parish. 26th & K St. Call 444-8939 for more information.

Sunday, December 25

★ *CHRISTMAS DAY. The staff of The Star wish you a happy and blessed Christmas.*

★ Worship Service. The Rev. Freda Smith preaching. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ St. Francis Church serves free Christmas Dinner. Dignity/Sacramento will assist in serving traditional Christmas fare from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. to people who would otherwise eat alone or not at all. Call 444-8939 for more information or 443-8084 to sign up.

★ Community Christmas Dinner open to the public. Food and service donated by local bars, organizations, and individuals. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St. 454-4762. After the morning worship service, approximately 1 to 3 p.m.

★ Chrysalis Neighborhood Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

Tuesday, December 27

★ Capital City Squares. Coloma Community Center, 46th & T St. Call 488-2440 (days) or 486-0150 (eves). 7 p.m.

★ Raza del Ambiente, gay/lesbian Hispanic organization, meets. New members welcome. 7:30 p.m. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St.

Wednesday, December 28

★ The STAR is published.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.

★ AIDS Foundation Board meeting. Open to the public. AIDS Foundation office, 2115 J St., Ste. 3. 6:30 p.m.

★ Conference: Young Gays of Today. Public Library, Larkin & McAllister Sts., San Francisco. For details and pre-registration, call (415) 552-6025. 4-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 29

★ Blood Sisters—A Gift of Life. Women's blood donation drive sponsored by Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Sign up to donate by calling 448-AIDS or Sacramento Blood Bank at 444-6516. YWCA, 17th and L Sts. 2-8 p.m.

Saturday, December 31

★ *NEW YEAR'S EVE.* Drive safely.

Sunday, January 1

★ *NEW YEAR'S DAY.* Best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year from The STAR!

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1816 21 St.

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